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2. Keret had a population of between 500 and 600 fishermen who lived in very poor wooden houses. A sawmill was located about 100 meters from the lumber pier [redacted]. The loading operations were frequently interrupted by rain. The workers, mainly women [redacted]. Some of the workers were from Leningrad (N 59-55, E 30-15), Rostov (N 57-12, E 39-25), and other towns.

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3. [redacted] the Seaman's Club, which was rather neglected.

[redacted] The inhabitants of Keret were clad in the fashion of about 1939. Women wore silk hose on holidays.¹

4. A 200 hp motor tug and a 400 hp steam tug were stationed in Keret. A 1,000 hp steam tug towed a large lighter, of between 2,000 and 3,000 dwt, into the Bay of Keret. The lighter carried a cargo of timber. A mini-type (sic) electric cargo-lifter, built in Finland, was available for timber handling. No Soviet warships were observed.

1. [redacted] Comment: The holidays referred to are probably Sundays

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